

Patience Is Alleged To Sit On a Monument Because She Has To Have Something Firm To Grab Hold of Or She Wouldn't Be Patience at All

HOOVER SENDS CAUSTIC REPLY TO GERMAN PLEA

Will Not Work With Lancken and Rieth
ADVISES THEM TO GO TO H—

Lancken Was Implicated in the Execution of Edith Cavell and Said Effect Would Be Excellent.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A message from Paris today said that Baron von der Lancken and Dr. Rieth, who were prominent in the German administration of Belgium, were directed by the Commission for Relief in Belgium at Rotterdam, that they had been appointed by the German Government to negotiate with Herbert C. Hoover for food supplies, and that they desired Mr. Hoover to advise them when and where he would meet them.

In answer to the request for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message: "You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell the pair personally to go to h— with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans it will not be with that pair."

One explanation of Mr. Hoover's reference to Baron von der Lancken is found in the record of the latter while he was the German Civil and Political Governor of Brussels. It was to von der Lancken that Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, vainly appealed to intercede for Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by the Germans on the charge of "treachery." On the night of the execution Ambassador Whitlock wrote this note to von der Lancken:

"My Dear Baron: I am too sick to present my request myself, but I appeal to your generosity of heart to support it and save from death this unhappy woman. Have pity on her." Hugh S. Gibson, Secretary of the American Legation, sought out the Baron, but the latter told him that he could not intervene to stay the death sentence, that the Germans, under the Military Governor, having supreme authority in such cases, had decided, "after mature deliberation," that the infliction of the death penalty on Miss Cavell was imperative. Baron von der Lancken also refused the request of President Faller of a woman, the German replied that the effect on the world would be "excellent." At the same moment, he related, Count Harrach, a colleague of von der Lancken, interrupted with the remark that his only regret was that they did not have "three or four old English women to shoot."

Mr. Gibson said he asked von der Lancken to telephone the Kaiser at Great Headquarters, but the request was refused.

WILSON SPEAKS OF WORLD PEACE TO BRITISH ELITE

Received Great Ovation on Rising to Begin
A NOTABLE GATHERING

President Escorts Queen Mary into Banquet Hall, While King George Has Mrs. Wilson on His Arm.

London, Dec. 28.—Speaking today in historic Guildhall at a ceremonial gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished citizens, President Wilson reaffirmed his principles that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

The President was given a notable ovation on rising to begin his speech and some of the points which won renewed applause were his tribute to the armies of associated governments and his declaration that people throughout the world want peace and want it immediately by agreement of mind rather than by conquest.

London, Dec. 28.—President Wilson at the American embassy, today, received a delegation from the League of Nations union. It was headed by Viscount Grey, former secretary of foreign affairs, and it included the Archbishop of Canterbury and Viscount Bryce, former ambassador to the United States.

London, Dec. 27.—The environment of President Wilson's second day in England was quieter than that of the first day. The only ceremonial event was a state banquet in Buckingham palace tonight which was notable not only as a spectacle such as probably no other court in Europe can provide the setting for, now that the thrones of Russia, Germany and Austria have disappeared, but for the head of the American government.

Beside the members of the royal family, the official world was represented by the foreign ambassadors to the court of St. James, the heads of the government, present, and past, chiefs of the army and navy, colonial officers and members of the royal household. There also were present dignitaries of the church of England, representatives of universities and men high in the world of literature, art and journalism.

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LAST CALL OF W. S. S.

S. O. S. Appeal by County Chairman R. E. Healy.

The last call! A final appeal! Buy War Savings Stamps! It will cost about \$14,000 to buy the balance of Bennington's quota and it must be done before January 1st, 1919. Between now and next Wednesday we must decide whether in the years to come we shall say "Bennington had a perfect record in war work during the great war" or "Bennington had a perfect record for war work, except—"

Stamptuously yours, Robert E. Healy, County Manager.

THREW ACID ON COW

Dastardly Deed at Bethel Caused Killing of Cow.

Bethel, Dec. 27.—During the night Wednesday or the early morning Thursday, the stable of Fred Avery on Tannery street was entered and a quantity of sulphuric acid was thrown on the left side of the back of his cow, burning her so seriously that it was necessary to kill her. As the cow was in good condition, most of the meat will be used for food. The hide was badly damaged by the acid. The cow was a good milker and the loss is considerable for Mr. Avery, who is day fireman at the tannery.

Suspicion of this act of destruction and cruelty points strongly to a young man who visited the boiler house about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, chattered more than an hour with Edward Hill, the night foreman, and disappeared suddenly about 1 train time. He had said he was going to Manchester, N. H., on the 2:18 a. m. train.

This man worked about two years in the tannery and boarded at Mr. Avery's. He is said to have a grudge against Mr. Avery.

CHARLES A. PROUTY MAY SUCCEED GEN. MADDOO

He and Charles C. McChord Are Mentioned as Possible Appointees for the Position.

Washington, Dec. 26.—With renewed assurance from a White House and the railroad administration that the appointment of a new director general of railroads is to be expected hourly, Washington is again speculating as to the name of McAdoo's successor. It is understood the man has been selected and has agreed to serve, but nobody except William G. McAdoo, who is thought to have arranged the matter, knows his name. And Mr. McAdoo refuses to tell.

Carl Gray, who resigned his position of McAdoo's staff a few days ago, was mentioned as a possibility yesterday, but it was said today that his resignation, like that of Judge Lovett, may remove him as a possibility. Speculation has eliminated practically all names except those of Judge C. A. Prouty, director of Public Safety for the railroad administration and of the Valuation Bureau of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Charles C. McChord of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Several chambers of commerce and heads of the Big Four railway brotherhoods have openly advocated Mr. McChord. Judge Prouty's friends point to his service as director of valuation and his services as part of McAdoo's machine to show why he should become director general. His familiarity with the work of the railroad administration to date is a strong point in his favor, they say.

ONLY A FEW THOUSAND TO GO

Bennington Can Make its Quota of War Savings Stamps.

The town of Bennington is going to come within a few thousand dollars of making its quota of purchases of war savings stamps. Returns up to today show that a few thousand dollars in purchases would make the desired total and give this community an unspotted record in war endeavor. Every quota has been met and more than met. There yet remain four days in which to make that complete record.

Should the time limit expire and should it be found that Bennington has failed to meet expectations in this one instance that failure will be a source of lasting regret to those who might have kept the record clean.

WHITTLESEY TO BE DECORATED

Congressional Medal for Commander of "Lost Battalion" Presented.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey of Pittsfield, Mass., commander of the famous "lost battalion," which for five days was cut off from its division in France, will be publicly decorated tomorrow with a congressional medal of honor.

The exercises will take place on Boston Common and Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the northeastern department, will make the presentation. The medal was awarded "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action with the Germans northeast of Binarville, in the forest of Argonne, France, Oct. 2 to 7, 1918." Colonel Whittlesey recently returned to this country and was mustered out at Camp Dix.

CAPTAIN JOHN HENRY DIES

Had Been Identified with Service 23 Years.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain John Henry, head of the federal secret service office in New York, and one of the country's most noted investigators of counterfeiting conspiracies, died suddenly today, aged 54. He had been identified with the secret service 23 years.

ALLIES TO SEND AN EXPEDITION INTO RUSSIA

To Take Place of Withdrawing German Troops

ALLIES AGREE ON MOVE

They Must Not Permit Bolsheviki to Ravage and Destroy Russian Property and Terrorize People.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The chief questions for France which the public press has been asking, and which the Government will attempt to answer, concern demobilization, intervention in Russia the election of a new Chamber, reconstruction, and the peace itself.

As a matter of fact, no European Government at the present moment cares to risk arousing the opposition of its people to sending large bodies of troops to Russia for a winter campaign. That political aspect of the case is the chief obstacle of the moment to big-scale intervention. But there are many minor technical difficulties, such as lack of transport.

However, an intervention enterprise on a smaller scale has been determined upon. A strong allied expedition is about to reinforce the expedition already in Southern Russia, and they will take the place of the German troops evacuating the Ukraine.

Reconstruction, the Government is ready to take the public into its confidence on the plans already adopted, and willing to remove all wartime restrictions on internal trade and industry as soon as possible.

Concerning peace, Clemenceau is expected to say that he finds France in accord with the Allies after his several talks with President Wilson and the delegates of the other countries.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The announcement by Foreign Minister Pichon that the Russian policy was not to undertake immediate military intervention in Russia has called forth protests from the Parisian newspapers.

The Temps says that the Allies in permitting the Bolsheviki with German assistance, to ravage and destroy those sections opposing Bolshevism are sacrificing the peoples who might afford a basis for the reconstruction of Russia.

RECEPTION TO B. H. S. TEACHERS

High School Club Will Entertain at Y. Tuesday Evening.

A reception to the high school teachers will be given by the High School club at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening, December 31st, from eight to ten o'clock.

Parents will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the teachers. All pupils, both boys and girls, are cordially invited to attend and bring their parents with them.

The various games at the association will be at the free disposal of the guests. The affair will be over in time for those who wish to join in other gatherings elsewhere to see the new year in.

CHRISTMAS SNOW IN GERMANY

American Troops in Occupied Areas See Several Inches.

Coblenz, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—greeted the American troops in the occupied areas on Christmas morning. It began falling after midnight and continued until the entire district about Treves was covered to a depth of several inches and in the afternoon the fall was still in progress. In the Highlands east of the Rhine, the snow was heavier in places than elsewhere. Along the railway sections of the bridgehead, for instance, it reached the depth of half a foot. The principle religious services of the American troops were held in Coblenz and in virtually every village they occupied and in every camp in the region, the day was begun with the holding of services by the army chaplains. The men attended these services in great number.

100 PER CENT. AMERICAN

Object of Educational Campaign in Two Western Cities.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Two cities of the United States have entered upon a campaign to make themselves 100 per cent. American—Flint and Sheboygan, Mich. The Bureau of Naturalization, the Department of Labor announces, is co-operating to the full extent.

In Sheboygan the work is in charge of a citizens' committee composed of the leading men and women in each ward, and an industrial committee, with one representative in each factory. Classes in English and citizenship are held in the factories, and at night at churches and clubs. The campaign in Flint is being conducted along similar lines.

BRITISH ELECTION RETURNS

Coalition Unionists Are Far in The Lead.

London, Dec. 28.—British election returns up to 1.30 this afternoon showed this result: Coalition Unionists 127; Coalition Liberals 58; Unionists 5; Liberals 2; Labor 23; Irish Nationalists 1; Sinn Fein 26; and one Independent.

THE CHRISTMAS COTILLION

Welfare Dance Friday Evening an Enjoyable Affair.

The annual holiday season dance of the Bennington Welfare association, sometimes referred to as the Christmas cotillion, was held at Black Cat association hall, Friday evening and was an exceptionally enjoyable affair. The entertainment has been an annual feature for several seasons.

In making the arrangements the committee in charge were gradually dropped some of the more formal features that characterized the entertainment and the main purpose recently has been a "good time" for those in attendance. This idea was happily carried out Friday evening.

The hall was prettily decorated with evergreen, bunting in the national colors and numerous flags. Donnell's orchestra of six pieces was in attendance, there were card tables for those who did not wish to dance and every possible effort was made to complete the success of the evening.

FAST BASKET BALL GAME

Lansburg Won From High School by One Point.

Basket ball enthusiasts last evening saw the best game which has been played here by the high school team for several years. The game was won by Lansburg in the first period of overtime with the close score of 25-24.

The Bennington boys caged the first basket from the floor and for a time the ball seemed to stay in Bennington's end of the court. Then the New York state high school boys threw four field goals and one foul. From this time until the end of the half, the game was very even so that when the whistle blew, the score was 15-10 in Lansburg's favor.

In the second half, Bennington started out to overcome the lead of the visitors and they soon did it. Everyone of the hundred and fifty spectators was thrilled with excitement. It seemed that Bennington might win. Altho the ball insisted upon going to Church occasionally the local five, working as one, kept ahead or even. While Bennington led, all hoped for the whistle to blow; while they were the they hoped for one minute more. The second half ended with the score 22-23.

During the overtime period, each side shot a basket and in the last minute of play Lansburg made a free throw making the score 25-24, in favor of the visiting team.

This game demonstrated to the public the excellence to which the B. H. S. team has attained and promises more interesting games in the future. Watch this paper for announcements of other strong teams which we are to meet.

Lansburg H. S. Bennington H. S. Church, Ft. McGuire, K. Shaw, Rogers, c. Blunt, Johnson, R. Clark, Barnum, R. Ryan.

ISSUED 1,276 LICENSES

Many Fishermen and Hunters in Bennington Notwithstanding the War.

With so many of the young men in the service the would seem that fewer hunting and fishing licenses than usual would have been taken out in Bennington during the past year, but such evidently has not proved to be the case.

Up to December 1 Town Clerk E. A. Booth had issued a total of 1,276 licenses of all kinds. Last year he issued 1,312. The hunting season except for foxes and rabbits has closed and only a few more hunting licenses will be granted. Should the weather become favorable a few more licenses may be issued to fishermen to catch pickerel through the ice. There will probably be enough of them taken out to make up the small difference in the totals of the two years.

Taking into consideration the number of young men who have been in service the record of the year is remarkable and is probably one that is not equalled in any other community of the size of Bennington in the state.

LOST SHIP IS SAFE

The Brynhilda, Sailing Sept. 27, Arrives in African Port.

London, Dec. 26.—The safe arrival at Algoa Bay, Africa, of the American sailing ship Brynhilda was confirmed by Lloyds here today.

The Brynhilda sailed from New York September 27 with a cargo for African ports. Three days later a life boat to which was attached part of the davits was picked up some distance off the American coast, the boat being identified as belonging to the ship. Later the naval craft searching for the ship and survivors found lumber and wreckage also identified as part of the ship's cargo. As the ship carried wireless and no report was heard from her she was given up for lost and it was generally believed she had struck a mine. This opinion was accepted by the underwriters to the extent that eighty per cent of the ship's insurance was paid. The vessel was commanded by Captain J. S. Keenely, Malden, Mass., and carried a crew of 21 men.

CONFERENCES SATISFACTORY

President Wilson's Discussion with British Statesmen Satisfactory.

London, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's conference today with British statesmen are described in American quarters as having been very satisfactory. No one particular phase was taken up, but the whole discussion was a general one.

It was learned that progress was made in clarifying some phases of the President's points which are uppermost in the minds of the British, particularly as regards the question of British Naval supremacy. Discussion ranged about the freedom of the seas, league of nations and proposition of reduction of armaments.

PAPAL SECRETARY ASKS PRESIDENT TO BE MEDIATOR

To Assist in Settling Vatican Situation

SUBMIT PAPERS TO HIM

These Set Forth Humanitarian Work Done by Vatican in Favor of Prisoners Deported.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Monsignor Cerretti, Papal under-secretary of state, asked President Wilson to mediate "with a view to settling the Vatican situation" during their interview in Paris, according to newspapers here.

He also submitted to the President documents justifying the Vatican's attitude of neutrality during the war and set forth humanitarian work done by the Vatican in favor of prisoners deported, persons and others similarly affected by the struggle.

COULD KILL BOLSHIEVISM WITH 60,000 TONS OF FAT

German Politician Says He Could Start a Government if He Had Some Condensed Milk.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—It is the normal state of every German, at least in the greater cities, to be continually hungry. A keen political observer said to the Associated Press:

"If I had 60,000 tons of fat I could exterminate Bolshevism in Germany, and if I had some condensed milk, too, I could set up almost any kind of a government except the one we need to have."

It is not only that food is so dear as to be out of reach of the poorer classes almost completely, but all articles of clothing are correspondingly dear. The correspondent was offered 500 marks for an overcoat which was purchased in Berlin in 1916 for 178 marks.

WEALTH ESCAPES TAXATION

More Than Nine Billion Dollars of Taxable Property.

Albany, Dec. 27.—More than \$9,000,000,000 of the state's taxable wealth—equivalent to three-quarters of the total assessable property—escaped general taxation last year because of exemption privileges extended to certain established classes of intangibles, Comptroller Travis pointed out tonight. This situation, according to the comptroller, is due largely to special tax laws, such as the bank tax law, which removed from general taxation more than \$500,000,000; the mortgage recording tax law, \$7,000,000,000; the secured debt tax law, \$1,000,000,000, and other laws of smaller amounts.

"This situation," explained the comptroller, "means that the taxpayer owning a home assessed at \$2,000, pays \$45 in general taxes at a rate of \$2.25 per \$1,000. But for the above exemptions, he would have paid only \$26, or taxes at a rate of \$13 per thousand. Moreover, it shows that the general property tax is a failure because it does not distribute the tax burden equitably. Fifty years ago 25 per cent of the property subject to taxation was personal; last year but four per cent, despite tremendous increased cost of government."

CAPTURED IN KENTUCKY

Jail Breakers of New Hampshire Will Be Brought Back.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 26.—Frank Plorier of Burlington, Vt., and Howard R. Porter of Manchester, who escaped from Merrimack county jail here on November 23, have been apprehended in Covington, Ky., according to a message from Covington received today by Sheriff George A. Woodier. Plorier was under arrest on the charge of robbing a postoffice and Porter was accused of using the mails in a scheme to defraud.

68,000 SOLDIERS RETURN

500,000 in This Country Have Been Mustered Out.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Sixty-eight thousand American soldiers had been returned from overseas December 21, and slightly more than five hundred thousand in this country have been mustered out of service, members of the house military committee were today, at the weekly conference at the war department.

SOCIALISTS WILL RETIRE

Independents Will Then Be in Full Control in Berlin.

Berlin, Thursday, midnight, December 26.—As a result of today's deliberations it is believed in some quarters that a majority of the Socialists will retire from the cabinet and leave the Independents in full control of the government.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont cloudy tonight and Sunday. Probably light local snows. Little change in temperature.

COAL ENOUGH TO KEEP WARM UNTIL SPRING

Stocks on Hand and Enroute Sufficient

INDUSTRIES ALL SUPPLIED

Bennington Not Likely to Experience Hardship or Inconvenience Through Fuel Shortage.

There is little danger of a coal shortage in Bennington during the remainder of the present winter. The present situation has some annoying features, owing to the restrictions imposed by the fuel administration, but it will be possible to buy coal in Bennington during the remainder of the cold season. That is an assured fact. There is no possibility of a recurrence of conditions such as prevailed a year ago when the community was faced with the prospect of actual hardship and a partial closing of industries because of fuel shortage.

One of the local dealers has in the yard in the vicinity of 1500 tons of coal. The sizes are not assorted as the company would like to have them but it is coal and almost enough to supply its trade until the coming of warm weather. Another dealer is not so well supplied but has coal on the road and feels satisfied that he will be in a position to care for his customers.

Locally the restrictions of the fuel administration are imposing something of a hardship on the dealers. With coal on hand they desire to make deliveries on the last third of the orders placed early in the year. They are not permitted to do this. They must continue to pay their employees who can not be kept busily engaged and stand the consequent loss of revenue. The dealers must pay cash for their coal and cash on their freight bills but they can not deliver and thereby secure funds with which to meet their bills.

The local chairman of the fuel committee understands that in some states the administrator has granted permission for the delivery of the last third of the orders. Along toward the last, just as in the case of the sugar restrictions, Vermont may secure a release.

However irksome the conditions may be, the situation has none of the elements of real privation so far as the consumer is concerned. Persons in actual need of coal may secure enough at any time for immediate wants. The different industries in the village, too, have large stocks of soft coal on hand and no wheels will cease to go round because steam can't be kept up. When one recalls the conditions of a year ago he realizes that Bennington has reason to be thankful and compared with many other communities Bennington was not hard hit during the winter of 1917-18.

VERMONT HONOR ROLL

List of Vermonters Recently Reported Casualties. Killed in action.

Carl W. Perkins, Rutland.

Clinton B. Leducor of Lyndonville.

Harry V. Sherman of Enosburg Falls.

Mixing in Action

Harry F. Petty of St. Johnsbury.

Joseph H. Woodward of Windsor.

Alfred J. Bushee of Bennington.

Wounded Severely

Sergeant James Gibson of Barre.

Sherry E. Congdon of Florence.

Millard Dunbar of Dorset.

Wesley L. Wheeler of Orleans.

Leslie M. Robinson of Essex Jct.

Joseph Russell of Hinesburg.

Raymond Dixon of East Franklin.

Francisco Intelleano of Rutland.

Capt. William H. Munnell of Wells River.

Sergeant Calvin J. Ward of Pittsford.

Wounded

Grover C. Lumb of Whitingham.

Holls Beane of Burlington.

Lieut. Herbert D. Gibson of Montpelier.

Harry W. Vassar of Northfield.

Arthur J. Cole of North Bennington.

Sergeant William W. Thomas of Poultney.

Cyrus A. Brayton of Poultney.

Henry Kerr of Wallingford.

Abraham Shindel of St. Johnsbury.

Oreste Graebbe of Rutland.

Francis D. O'Day of Hydeville.

Gerald J. Mason of Barre.

Co. Paul S. Cowley of Winoski.

Robert E. Walsh of West Rutland.

Norris H. Hammond of Ludlow.

Corp. James W. Edwards of Windsor.

Clair R. Regan of St. Albans.